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HEARTY CHRISTMAS WISHES

"The joy of Christmas is in the air,
It's all about us everywhere,
May it, I pray, descend on you
And there remain the whole year
through."

CRADLE HYMN

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down
where He lay—

The little Lord Jesus aleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He
makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from
the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is
nigh.

—Martin Luther.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas Cantatta, Holy Night, by
the choir Sabbath evening, Dec. 19.
The service will begin at 7:30. Special
offering for the Choir fund.

Christmas program by the Sunday
School Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 26, at
3:30. We want everybody at this
service.

The Christmas offering for which spe-
cial envelopes have been distributed
will be for benevolence. Let us make
it a good offering.

The monthly and annual meeting of
the Doremus Guild will be held in the
lecture rooms of the church Wednes-
day afternoon, Dec. 5, at 2:30.

The Catechetical Class will meet Sab-
bath morning, at 9 o'clock, in the
church auditorium, beginning with
Sabbath, Jan. 1st. The young people
and parents are invited to come to these
instructions.

The Week of Prayer begins with the
first Sabbath in the new year, Jan. 2.
Later announcements will be made in
reference to the observance of the
week.

The Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held in the lecture rooms of the
church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5,
at 7:30. Every member of the Church
should be at this meeting.

The Mid-winter Communion services
will be held Sabbath morning Jan. 16.
At this service an opportunity will be
afforded for the baptism of children
and adults and for the reception of
members.

The annual statements will be issued
by the financial secretary by Dec. 19.
It is hoped that all arrearages on
pledges will be paid up in full by the
1st of January.

The members of the Church who did
not have any pledges will undoubtedly
do their part toward meeting the cur-
rent expenses of the Church for the
year.

The Annual Christmas Sale and Sup-
per was a most enjoyable social affair.
The net receipts of the sales and supper
were something over one hundred dol-
lars. The women have some fancy ap-
rons and other things left from the sale
that they will be glad to dispose of to
anyone who may wish to purchase them.

The pastor has secured Mr. Steffens,
a prominent member of the Reformed
Church at Huntington, to speak for us
at the Sabbath morning service, Dec. 26.
Mr. Steffens is one of the live wires in
this aggressive church at Huntington.
He attended the Men's Missionary Con-
gress at Allentown, Pa., and he will tell
our men all about this great gathering
of Reformed men. We want every man
in Grace Church to be out to this ser-
vice. Bring as many other men as you
can with you.

ORDER OF CHRISTMAS SERVICE, DEC. 19

Sabbath Morning

Organ Prelude—Christmas.....Barret
Hymn 65.

Scripture Lesson, John 1:1-18.

Gloria Patra and Prayer.

Soprano Solo—Mary's Manger Song
.....Adams

Hymn 63.

Sermon—Text, Luke 2:7. There was
no room in the inn for them.

Duet—Call Him Jesus.....Geibel

Offertory—SerenetaMoszkowski
Hymn 61.

Postlude—Festival March.....Mutter

SABBATH EVENING, DEC. 19

PART I

Organ

1. NazarethGounod-Westbrook

2. March of the Magi Kings...Dubois

3. Variations on Holy Night, Silent
NightFlagler

PART 2

Contata, Holy NightAshford

1. Prelude.

2. Bass Solo and Chorus—And in the
Day.

3. Chorus—There Shall Come Forth.

4. Soprano and Tenor Solo and Chorus
—Silent Night.

5. Contralto Solo—O Blessed Town of
Bethlehem.

6. Tenor Solo and Chorus—Glory to
God in the Highest.

7. Soprano Solo—Star of the East.

8. Male Quartette—Quest of the Wise
Men.

9. Final Chorus—Blessed be the Lord
God.

Choir

Sopranos—Miss Georgia Bauer, Miss
Hattie Gryder.

Contraltos—Miss Thelma Hines, Miss
Omah Lakay.

Tenors—Mr. Abram Jones, Mr. Joseph
Barber.

Bases—Mr. Ralph Virts, Mr. John
Craig.

Organist—A. Leslie Jacobs.

The way to get blessings from God
is to thank Him for what we have.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our Determination.

We will attend church every Sabbath
day unless prevented by some reason
that we believe Christ would accept.

We will have a definite part in the
work of the church that we may honor
Christ.

We will speak kindly of the Church
and all its members and give sympathy
and support in the time of need.—Read
Gal. 6:1-10.

We will aid in preaching the gospel
throughout the world.

We will make this the best and most
useful year of our life, that if it should
be our last it will be our richest and
most beautiful.

Our Aim

To do the will of Christ in word and
deed and thus render the best service
to God and Man.

Our Hope

To make this Church one that Christ
would honor with His presence if He
came to Fort Wayne as He went to the
Temple long ago.

Our Motto

“What kind of a Church would my
Church be,
If every member was just like me?”

“The kind of a Church my Church
should be

Is the Church my Savior loves to
see;

And I'm resolved, God helping me,
That kind of a Church my Church
shall be.”

“God's business in a bussiness-like
way is the only right way.”

“Bless Thou the gifts our hands have
brought,

Bless Thou the work our hearts have
planned,

Our's is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, oh God, is in Thy hand.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas is the season of gift-giving and gift-receiving in commemoration of our Heavenly Father's Christmas Gift to us and to all the world. The real Christmas spirit is the spirit of giving, and more and more we are coming to know that "it is better to give than to receive." Jesus "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister unto others." The season furnishes abundant opportunity to express the Christmas spirit in token of good will and affection. The poor and unfortunate, the sick and the sorrowing, are all about us. The cry comes to us across the waters from far away lands, "send us the bread of life. The churches are asking for liberal offerings for the benevolences of the Church in the home and in the foreign field. Plan to do great things for the Lord during this glad Christmas season. In our giving let us show our appreciation and gratitude to our Heavenly Father "for His unspeakable gift," given to us in the person of His Son, our Lord and our Savior. "The spirit of Christmas cannot be expressed in words, for it lives in deeds.

It is one of the unseen things which are eternal and so it is ever with us."

The Furnace and Insurance Fund is still open for contributions. Every member of the Church ought to be willing to contribute something toward this fund. Repairs have to be made on the church building, and in many ways we are at a continuous expense, as everybody can know. The running expenses of the Church belong to every member of the Church, and all who can should take a great pleasure in providing for these expenses. Do not fear that the Church will at any time have a surplus of funds. This contingency seldom arises in church finances. We have been more than pleased to see the willingness with which the people have responded in contributing to this fund. If you have not already given, we shall be glad to receive any sum you can give.

THE MUSIC OF GRACE CHURCH

Every member of the Church should feel a deep interest in this part of our service. Good music adds much to the service while poor music detracts from it. We can not have good music without financial aid from the congregation. Every member should feel it a duty to contribute something toward the support of the choir, not only once but regularly. The expense of a choir goes on all the time and so there must be money coming in all the time to meet the demand.

It is not at all a fair proposition that a few should assume this obligation. There is not a member in the Church but enjoys good singing and good playing. We cannot have these for nothing. Some one must help to pay for it, and it should be all and not a part of the congregation.

We ask that every member make a weekly contribution toward this fund, be it ever so small. If all will help it will not be hard for any one.

Give as you can and give regularly, and your offering will be appreciated. You will enjoy the music better if you have a part in helping to support it.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The regular time for the Annual Congregational meeting is on New Year's Day, but since the first day of the New Year comes on Saturday, the consistory has appointed Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, at 7:30, for the annual meeting. The annual reports will be read and other important business will be transacted. The annual election will be held. Two elders, two deacons, financial secretary and church treasurer are to be elected. It is important that every member of the Church should be at this meeting. Make your plans to be present, so you will be informed of the needs and matters in general pertaining to the Church. At the close of the business session the women of the Doremus Society will serve a free luncheon of doughnuts and coffee.

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Victor Allen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Close, was baptized at the Sabbath morning service, Dec. 12.

Mr. Louis Roeger and family are now residing at 132 Leith St. Their son, Edwin, has been in poor health for a month or more, but is getting along all right now.

Mrs. David Walters is sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Krohn Miller, residing on South Barr St.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson was able to be at the church on the afternoon and evening of the Annual Christmas Sale and Supper. It seemed like old times to see her at the church again, and no one enjoyed the afternoon and evening more than she did. Everybody was glad to see her and have a visit with her.

We had hoped to make the every member canvass on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 19, and during the week following, but we were disappointed in getting the supplies from the publication board that we needed. The canvass will be made during the holiday week and on New Year's Day. We hope to have the co-operation of every member of the Church and a liberal response from everyone. Let every member get ready to start in with the new year to do greater things in every way, in giving time and services and in giving toward the support of the Church and for benevolence. Our dividends will be in proportion to our investments. In the same measure in which we give, the Lord will give to us in return. "He who soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully."

Arthur Bitner is selling out his stock of choice kitchen ware at his store, 118½ E. Columbia St. He has bargains. Go and see him.

Mr. J. A. Hetrick has bought out Aurentz's Grocery at 131 West Main St. He is carrying a first class stock of goods and will be glad to supply you with anything in his line that you may wish.

Every family in the Church ought to have our Church paper, the Christian World, in the home. It is one of the best Church papers published. The price is \$1.50 a year, less than 3 cents a week. The pastor will be glad to take your subscription for 1916.

Do not forget the subscription price for the Visitor is 25 cents a year. Subscriptions are due now for 1916. We presume every family in the Church is getting one or more copies of the Visitor each month, and is eager to have them, but comparatively few ever think of paying the yearly subscription price.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark, of the Enterprise Restaurant, 611 Calhoun St., have just refurnished and refurbished their place. They now have the most sanitary and up-to-date and the most inviting restaurant in the city. It is a home-like place. You will enjoy taking your meals there when you are down town.

Seelig Bros., Grocers, 301 East Wayne St., the Frank Dry Goods Merchants, the Craig Biscuit Co., the Aurentz, 131 W. Main St., are new advertisers in the Visitor. In your buying do not forget the merchants who advertise with us.

Tell our men and everybody about the Sabbath morning service, Dec. 26, when Mr. Steffens of Huntington will tell us about the Men's Missionary Congress at Allentown.

COMMITTEES ON VISITATION

Bloomington Section—John Sessler, Ernest Baumgartner, Evan Williams, Ray Deahl, Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. Wm. Siebold, Mrs. J. H. Straub.

Spy Run Section—J. W. Brewer, W. E. Adams, E. A. Close, Albert Bostick, Isaac Clippinger, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. Knight.

Lakeside Section—W. F. Close, Arthur Weiler, Geo. Shiffer, Clarence Aiken, Perry Monn, Mrs. F. D. Knot, Mrs. S. Wertman.

East Side Section—Frank Leikauf, S. D. Zeis, Harry Bryant, Maggie Haverly, Mrs. Wilbert, Mrs. Bitner, Mrs. Frank Leikauf.

South Side Section—Mr. and Mrs. John Ruck, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Dinger, Wm. Botteran, Charles Rogers, Hazel Gooly.

West Side Section—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Metzner, Miss Anna Dortmer, Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Miss Libbie Felker, Mrs. F. W. Hildebrand.

RECENT WEDDINGS

A pretty home wedding took place on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 2, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bolyard, 2602 Hanna St., when their daughter, Florence A. Bolyard, became the bride of Mr. Russell L. Loser, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Loser, of Culver. After the ceremony and the bride and groom had received the congratulations of the company an elegant wedding dinner was served. The house and dinner table were prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and carnations. Later in the day the bride and groom went to their newly furnished home at 1513 Cass street, where they began house-keeping at once and will be at home to their many friends. Mr. Loser is a prescription clerk at the Columbia and Calhoun street house of Meyer Bros. Co.'s stores.

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, at the parsonage, Mr. Alton L. Routsong, of Wolcottville, Ind., and Miss Clara Inez

Martin, of Ft. Wayne, were united in marriage. These young people will reside at Wolcottville. Mrs. Routsong was formerly a scholar in our Sunday School and is a niece of Mrs. Robert Dinger. Both bride and groom are very pleasant young people.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14, the pastor joined in holy wedlock Marion E. Heiser, of Decatur, Ind., and Alta Heiser, of North Webster, Kosciusko county, Ind. The marriage took place at the home of the groom's brother, 1828 Lafayette St. We extend hearty congratulations to all of these young people, and wish for them happiness and abundant success in life.

The new furnace installed in the Sunday School rooms seems to do its work satisfactorily, so far at least. We have had no zero weather yet, where the real test will come. The furnace has a good draft and holds the heat well, and does not waste much fuel. The furnace is guaranteed to give full satisfaction.

No time to do this, is a favorite saying for those who are hunting some excuse. You have just as much time as there is to have, twenty-four hours in a day. One would suppose that some people dropped out of existence entirely on each Sabbath day for they are so seldom seen at the services of the church, and when they do come they take the last pew in the house and then slip out before anyone has a chance to say Good Morning to them. You cannot measure your influence upon the person you sit next to. Does it happen to be a stranger, then remember that your attitude toward them may be the means of sending them away with a longing to return, or it may chill every good resolution they have made.

Take time to express a kind wish to them. Give them a clasp of the hand that will make them feel that you are genuine, that your interest in them is sincere; in short, that there is no sham about you.

C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS

Dec. 19.—How the Prophecy of the Angels' Christmas Song May Come True,—Luke 2:8-20. Leader—Clar-
ence Aiken.

Dec. 26.—How to keep on the Up
Grade,—Phil. 3:13-16. Leader—
Bertha Weickart.

Jan. 2.—What is Consecration? Mark
12:28-34. Leader—Ernest Baumgart-
ner.

Jan. 9.—Why Join Church? Eph. 3:
8-21. Leader—Hazel Gooley.

Jan. 16.—How to Work with Others.
Isa. 41:1-7. Leader—Helen Trish.

Jan. 23.—Amusement that is Worth
While. Ecc. 3:1-15. Leader—Helen
Weickart.

Jan. 30.—Great Foreign Missionaries.
2 Cor. 8:16-23. Missionary Com.

Ingratitude is one of the greatest sins
as also one of the most prevalent sins.
To be ungrateful to friends is bad
enough but to be ungrateful to our
heavenly Father, who gives us all we
have, is far worse.

Ingratitude shows itself in an un-
willingness to give God what rightfully
belongs to Him of service, of time, and
of means.

Thankfulness makes the heart respon-
sive; it brings out the best that is in
us. Ingratitude makes the heart bitter
and resentful.

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